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ATTN: GRAIN DIVISION

FROM AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

REF: FASTO CIRCULAR 50

1. BEIRUT GRAIN CONTACT ADVISES THAT SYRIA TENDERING FOR PURCHASE 100,000 TONS BARLEY SHIPMENT 25,000 TONS MONTHLY AUGUST-NOVEMBER AND 3,000 TONS CORN SEPTEMBER SHIPMENT. TENDER OPENED LAST WEEK CLOSES JULY 9. BEIRUT CONTACT DOUBTS SYRIA WILL ACCEPT ENTIRE AMOUNT DUE CURRENT BARLEY PRICES, I.E. US 3 ABOUT \$140 CIF, BUT BELIEVES OPPORTUNITY FOR PURCHASE SOME US AS NO FRENCH BARLEY AVAILABLE AND EQUALLY HIGH FOB PRICES CANADIAN.

2. SYRIAN WHEAT SITUATION STILL AN UNKNOWN AS THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION VARY LOW, BUT LARGE CARRYOVER FROM LAST CROP. MAY WHEAT STOCKS REPORTEDLY 500,000 TONS, INDICATING IMPORT NEEDS AT LEAST 300,000 TONS BEFORE 1974 CROP. THIS YEAR'S SYRIAN WHEAT CROP ESTIMATED BY JORDANIAN MINAG OFFICIAL AT 250,000 TO 300,000 TONS, WHICH MAY ENTIRELY BE RETAINED FOR SEED, FARM AND VILLAGE USE.

3. AGATT HAS REQUESTED INFO ON GRAIN CROP AND IMPORT PROSPECTS FORM INTERESTS SECTION DAMASCUS, AND WILL REPORT WHATEVER RECEIVED. HOUGHTON

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